

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE LAW RELATING TO VENUE IN LEGAL ACTIONS
5 AGAINST STATE AGENCIES; PROVIDING THAT IN ACTIONS AGAINST STATE AGENCIES, VENUE IS
6 ALSO PROPER IN ANY COUNTY IN WHICH THE AGENCY BEING SUED HAS AN OFFICE; AND AMENDING
7 SECTION 25-2-126, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 25-2-126, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"25-2-126. Against state and political subdivisions.** (1) (a) The proper place of trial for an action
13 against the state is in the county in which the claim arose or in Lewis and Clark County.

14 (b) In an action against the state brought by a resident of the state, the county of the plaintiff's residence
15 is also a proper place of trial.

16 (c) In an action against a state agency, other than an action against a statewide elected official, the
17 county in which the state agency being sued has an office is also a proper place of trial.

18 (2) The proper place of trial for an action against a political subdivision is in the county in which the
19 claim arose or in any county where the political subdivision is located."

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